

Under a cloud, Najib to speak at anti-graft event
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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak is scheduled to speak at high-profile anti-corruption conference amid allegations that US\$700 million (RM2.6 billion) in state funds were found in his personal bank accounts.

Najib will be among the key speakers at the 16th International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) which will be held in Putrajaya from Sept 2 to Sept 4.

The conference is themed 'Ending Impunity: People. Integrity. Action' and expects some 800 international participants who will be engaged in plenary debates and workshops on ending impunity for corruption.

The IACC described itself as "world's premier global forum for bringing together heads of state, civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders to tackle the increasingly sophisticated challenges posed by corruption".

Among other Malaysians scheduled to speak at the function include Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Paul Low, MACC chief Abu Kasim Moamed and Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M) president Akbhar Satar.

The international speakers include Hong Kong's Independent Commission Against Corruption chief Simon Peh, Transparency International chairperson Jose Ugaz, Greenpeace International executive director Kumi Naidoo and African Development Bank's Integrity and Anti-Corruption director Anna Bossman.

Probe on Najib has been initiated

The conference which will be hosted in Malaysia this time is jointly organised by the MACC and TI-M.

The conference will come at a difficult time for Najib who last Friday was accused by The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) of having almost RM2.6 billion in state funds deposited into his personal bank accounts.

A government investigation has been initiated over the matter.

Najib has denied taking government funds for personal gain and threatened to sue the publication.

However, WSJ is standing by its report and published bank documents which it claimed were from Malaysian government investigators showing how money had flowed into Najib's bank accounts.

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